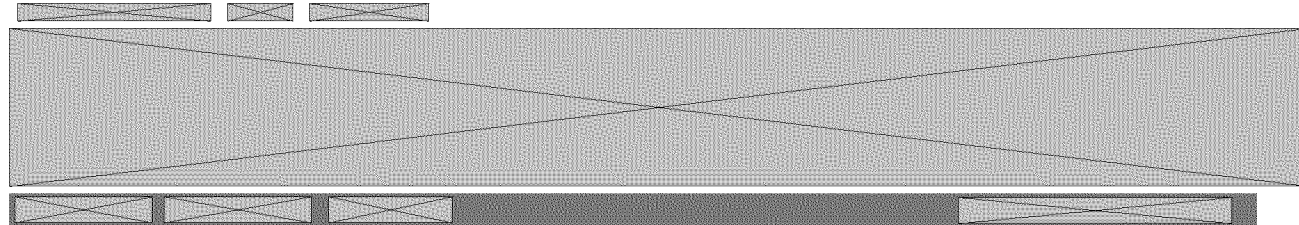


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Clean Power Plan Extensions Have Catch: Outreach

States seeking additional time to develop compliance strategies for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan must first show that they have engaged with minority and at-risk populations.

(Agency: Environmental Protection Agency)

Court Upholds Approval of Illinois Emissions Program

The Environmental Protection Agency did not act in an arbitrary or a capricious manner when it approved a revised motor vehicle emissions testing program in Illinois, a federal appeals court ruled (Indiana v. EPA, 2015 BL 254652, 7th Cir., No. 14-3214, 8/7/15).

(Agency: Environmental Protection Agency)

EPA Estimates Colorado Mine Release at 3 Million Gallons

The Environmental Protection Agency says the release of toxic mine waste into the Animas River in southwest Colorado is estimated to be 3 million gallons—three times as large as initially thought.

(Agency: Environmental Protection Agency)

EPA to Address Supreme Court MATS Ruling by Spring 2016

The Environmental Protection Agency intends to address a recent ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court on the legality of the mercury and air toxics standards by spring 2016, the agency told a federal appeals court Aug. 10 (White Stallion Energy Ctr. LLC v. EPA, D.C. Cir., No. 12-1100, opposition filed 8/10/15).

(Agency: Environmental Protection Agency)

EPA to Propose De Minimis Permit Threshold in 2016

The Environmental Protection Agency plans to propose a de minimis threshold for its greenhouse gas permitting program in June 2016 after a federal appellate court denied industry groups' petitions to rehear lawsuits over the program.

(Agency: Environmental Protection Agency)

Judge Denounces EPA's Pesticide Ban Delays

A federal appeals court judge harshly criticized the Environmental Protection Agency for using stall tactics to avoid making a decision on whether to ban the insecticide chlorpyrifos, originally developed by Dow AgroSciences and now used in products made by dozens of agrochemical companies (Pesticide Action Network N.

Am. v. EPA, 9th Cir., No. 14-72794, opinion 8/10/15).
(Agency: Environmental Protection Agency)

Obama Signs Bill to Control Harmful Algal Blooms

President Barack Obama signed into law a bill (H.R. 212) to control harmful algal blooms in drinking water. The Senate passed the bill, previously approved by the House, on Aug. 5 (152 DEN A-16, 8/7/15). The legislation, signed Aug. 7, requires the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and submit a plan to Congress by Nov. 5 to evaluate harmful cyanotoxins' risk to human health and to recommend feasible treatment options to mitigate any adverse public health effects. Algal blooms ...
(Agency: Environmental Protection Agency)

Sterilant Causes Cancer, Ammonia Harms Lungs, Board Says

A chemical used to sterilize medical equipment and spices can cause leukemia, breast and other cancers while ammonia can damage lungs, a panel of scientists advising the Environmental Protection Agency confirmed.
(Agency: Environmental Protection Agency)

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Study Says China Pollution Hurts U.S. Air Quality

Chinese air pollution is blowing across the Pacific Ocean and partly offsetting clean air measures taken in California, according to Dutch and U.S. researchers. [More »](#)

Asbestos

Oakfabco Files Ch. 11 to Deal With Asbestos Claims

Oakfabco Inc., which years ago made boilers, filed a Chapter 11 petition on Aug. 7 in Chicago to deal with 3,400 asbestos claims (In re Oakfabco Inc., Bankr. N.D. Ill., No. 15-27062, petition filed 8/7/15). [More »](#)

Chemicals

CDC Seeks Environmental, Public Health Experts

Toxicologists, epidemiologists, public health specialists, risk assessors and other health-care and scientific experts are being sought to advise an environmental health division of the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control. The advisers would serve on the Board of Scientific Counselors that advises the CDC's National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances Control Act (NCEH/ATSDR). Nominations should be sent to the CDC by Sept. 15. Details are available in a ... [More »](#)

Climate Change

UN Says Kyoto Protocol Countries 'Exceeded' Goals

Near-final accounting for the 2008–2012 commitment period to the Kyoto Protocol showed parties “collectively exceeded their original ambitions by a large margin,” the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) reported Aug. 10. [More »](#)

Climate Regulation

Virginia House Speaker Backs Power Plant Review Bill

Legislation will be introduced for the 2016 Virginia General Assembly session that would require legislative approval of the Virginia executive branch's plan for complying with the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan (RIN 2060-AR33), Virginia House of Delegates Speaker Bill Howell (R) announced Aug. 10. “The Commonwealth should delay the implementation of any compliance plan while the regulations are litigated and the General Assembly should have final approval ...
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Coal Mining

Interior Announces Stream Protection Rule Hearings

The Interior Department's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

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announced Aug. 10 the schedule for its six public hearings on its proposed stream protection rule and the related draft environmental impact statement. The hearings will occur Sept. 1 in Denver; Sept. 3 in Lexington, Ky.; Sept. 10 in St. Louis; Sept. 10 in Pittsburgh; Sept. 15 in Big Stone Gap, Va.; and Sept. 17 in Charleston, W.Va. The proposed rule (RIN 1029-AC63) is intended to limit the mining of ... [More »](#)

Drinking Water

New York City to Propose Legionella Control Model

Acting in the wake of a Legionnaires' disease outbreak, New York City is drafting legislation for measures to control the legionella bacterium in large building cooling towers, Mayor Bill de Blasio (D) and City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito said. [More »](#)

Endangered Species

Appeals Court Limits Demand for Details in Notice of Intent to Sue

A plaintiff filing a notice of intent to sue the U.S. Forest Service did not need to provide a precise list of projects for the lawsuit, a U.S. appeals court ruled Aug. 10 in reversing a district court decision (Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Ctr. vs. Rob MacWhorter, 9th Cir., No. 13-35453, 8/10/15). [More »](#)

Hazardous Waste

Shipyard's Benzene Suit Against Steel Mill Timely

A shipyard can proceed with new environmental contamination claims against the new owner of a neighboring steel mill, even though a prior ruling dismissed nearly identical claims as time-barred, a federal district court ruled Aug. 7 (SPS LP v. Sparrows Point LLC, 2015 BL 254272, D. Md., No. 14-CV-589, 8/7/15). [More »](#)

Hydraulic Fracturing

British Columbia Updates Seismic Event Response

The British Columbia Oil and Gas Commission approved amendments to the provincial Drilling and Production Regulation Aug. 6 to streamline definitions and toughen existing rules. Highlights include listing actions to be taken in the event of a seismic event within a 3 kilometer radius of a disposal or fracturing operation; enhancing testing and analysis, including conducting isotope data sampling on exploratory wildcat and exploratory outpost wells; establishing fire prevention requirements ... [More »](#)

International Climate

Taiwan Readies 2030 Pledge to Climate Accord

Taiwan is readying a formal pledge to a global climate accord that nearly 200 nations are to sign at end-of-year United Nations talks in Paris, the country's environment minister told Bloomberg BNA Aug. 10. [More »](#)

Pipeline Safety

Plastic Pipe Proposal Draws Industry Concern

Several pipeline companies and associations called for a federal agency to remove from a rule proposed in May requirements intended to improve natural gas transmission and distribution systems operators' ability to locate and track plastic pipe. [More »](#)

Renewable Energy

U.S. Wind Energy Continues Growth, DOE Reports Find

The total installed wind power capacity in the U.S. grew by 8 percent from 2013 to 2014, reaching a total of nearly 66 gigawatts of wind capacity, according to new reports from the Energy Department. [More »](#)

Superfund

Move to Modify N.J. Superfund Settlement Nixed

Penalties imposed for missed payments under a Superfund consent decree won't be waived due to the bankruptcy of some parties to the settlement, obligations imposed under another consent decree related to the site or the federal government's separate suit to recover its response costs, a federal appeals court ruled in an

unpublished opinion (United States v. Alsol Corp., 2015 BL 254071, 3d Cir., No. 14-3253, unpublished opinion, 8/7/15). [More »](#)

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Sustainability

British Columbia Issues New Parks Permits Policy

A new policy for issuing investigative use and research permits under British Columbia's Parks Act will ensure that provincial parks and protected areas remain off-limits to new industrial activity, according to the Ministry of Environment. The permits would be considered only after a thorough review of protected area values, including both management plans and impact and conservation assessments, with the primary consideration being the protection of natural resources, Minister Mary ... [More »](#)

Water Pollution

CBF Won't Appeal Virginia Stream Fencing Ruling

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation will not appeal a Virginia commonwealth court decision saying the Department of Environmental Quality doesn't have to issue a rule requiring farmers to keep cattle out of streams and rivers, CBF senior attorney Peggy Sanner told Bloomberg BNA Aug. 10. Richmond Circuit Court Judge C.N. Jenkins Jr. July 9 rejected the foundation's claim that a Virginia law that calls for "adequate buffer zones, where waste shall not be applied" extends to ... [More »](#)

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Discharge Permits Upheld For Everglades Sugar Farms

Water discharge permits for South Florida sugar cane farms don't violate the state's Everglades protection laws, despite nearby waters continuing to exceed the allowable phosphorus limit, a state appeals court ruled (Fla. Audubon Soc'y v. Sugar Cane Growers Coop. of Fla., Fla. 2nd District Court of Appeal, No. 2D14-2328, 2015). [More »](#)

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Olympic Boating Races Pose Health Risks, Experts Say

Scientists and environmental advocates warn that boating events at the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro may pose a health risk because of sewage contamination in the bay and lagoon where the races will be held. [More »](#)

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